

September 21, 2005

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Mike Ellegood, Maricopa County, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, September 29, 2005, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Draft August 25, 2005 Minutes

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Approve Draft minutes of the August 25, 2005 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

3. For information and discussion.

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5. For information and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.* Submittal of Projects for MAG Federal Funding in FY 2011 of the 2007-2011 MAG TIP

The deadline for submitting projects for MAG Federal Funding in FY 2011 of the 2007-2011 MAG TIP was September 2, 2005. By that date, approximately 55 projects, from four modal categories were submitted. These projects are being entered into the TIP database and Congestion Management System (CMS) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) scores are being calculated. When these scores are available, the projects

6. For information, discussion and possible action.

and scores will be distributed to modal Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) for review and ranking in priority order during October and November. The TRC will then review the TAC rankings and, in November or December, will recommend a list of priority projects to receive MAG Federal funding for FFY 2011. A basic list of the projects submitted (without scores) is provided as Attachment One.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

7. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Final Year End Closeout

Since Regional Council approval of the final closeout of the FY 2005 MAG Federally Funded program, in July, 2005, MAG member agencies have been processing projects to have them obligated by the mid-September deadline. Recently, MAG was informed by ADOT that new provisions in the recently enacted federal transportation legislation (SAFETEA-LU), may reduce the previously anticipated amount of obligation authority available to the MAG region for FY 2005. In addition, a repayment of a paving project to ADOT was inadvertently omitted and needs to be considered. To complete the obligation of the FY 2005 closeout projects, the Regional Council will consider the following at the September meeting: (1) Move the repayment to ADOT (\$5,092,000) of a paving project to FY 2006; (2) Amend the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to make available \$436,000 of MAG Park & Ride Study funds for closeout projects in FY 2005; (3) Provide for the use of approximately \$1.5 million of redistributed obligation authority for closeout and (4) Utilize approximately \$2,653,754 in FY 2006 MAG Federal Funds to close out FY 2005 projects. Please refer to the enclosed material in Attachment Two.

7. For information and discussion.

8. Draft of the Arterial Street Life Cycle Program

The Regional Transportation Plan identified arterial street projects by five-year phases to be funded from the sales tax extension and MAG federal funds. As part of the development of the FY 2006 to FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), projects in the first phase were allocated to specific years. Based on the project information received from MAG members and the projected cash flow for the arterial street program, an updated, revised draft of the 20-year, annual life cycle program has been produced. Please refer to Attachment Three.

9. MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan

In 2000, MAG took a forward-looking step by including Transportation Safety Planning as a new planning area in the Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2001. This led to the formation of the MAG Safety Stakeholders Group, in November 2001, consisting of a broad cross section of safety stakeholders in the region. The group began a dialogue in the region toward better planning for road safety improvements and developed a Draft Safety Action Plan in November 2003. In January 2004, the Regional Council approved the formation of a technical advisory committee for Transportation Safety, a first in the nation for an MPO. The first goal of the new committee was to finalize the Safety Action Plan. The draft document was further improved with new input and was renamed as the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. On September 20, 2005, the Transportation Safety Committee recommended approval of the Draft Final Report for adoption by MAG. Please refer to Attachment Four.

8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend approval of the draft Arterial Street Life Cycle Program (ALCP).

9. For information, discussion and recommendation that the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan be approved.

The finalization of this Plan by MAG comes at an opportune time. Also on September 20, 2005, the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council approved the Transportation Safety Plan for the State of Arizona. The MAG Strategic Plan is closely aligned with the objectives of the state's plan with additional emphasis in safety areas that are pertinent to the MAG region. It is anticipated that the SAFETEA-LU reauthorization will provide more resources for transportation safety improvements. A brief presentation on the Plan will be provided by the Program Manager.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

10. For information and discussion.